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Dear Examiner Theriault:

This communication is being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.115(a) prior to the applicant receiving a first office action on the merits in the above-mentioned application. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests entry of this communication as provided for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115(b)(1). The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the phone conference of December 11, 2006, and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above-mentioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.